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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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TITLE: "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR AUTOMATICALLY
ORDERING SUPPLIES WHICH ARE CONSUMED DURING
USAGE OF A DEVICE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,193,065

AB United States Patent No. 4,831,554

AC United States Patent No. 4,812,992

AD United States Patent No. 4,441,197

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above references, or their respective German counterparts, was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

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As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Submitted by,

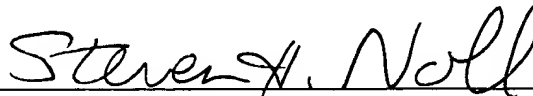


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